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☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Further to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement on April 12, 2001 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following information for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report issued in connection with counterpart European Application No. EP 00 12 8157. The European Search Report lists the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 3,355,350 is cited as being a category "X" document (a document that has special meaning when considered alone) with particular attention being directed to column 3, lines 22, 23 to column 5, lines 2-43, with respect to claims 1-4, 6, 7, 15, 18 and 21 of the European Application.

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U.S. Patent No. 1,423,400 is cited as being a category "X" document with particular attention being directed to the entire document with respect to claims 18, 21, 23-25 and 29 of the European Application.

U.S. Patent No. 2,165,549 is cited as being a category "X" document with particular attention being directed to the entire document with respect to claims 18, 21, 25, 29 and 30 of the European Application.

EP 0 371 786 A2 and A3 is cited as being a category "A" document (a document pertaining to technological background) with particular attention being directed to the entire document with respect to claims 18, 21, 23-25 and 29 of the European Application.

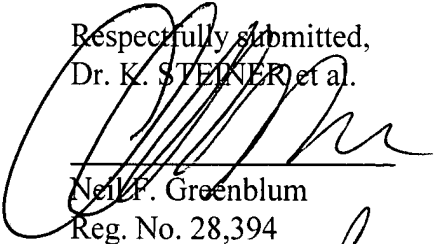
Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicants note that this disclosure statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, whereby a fee should not be necessary for its consideration. However, if any fee is required for consideration of this disclosure statement, including any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), this is authorization for any required fee to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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